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HE WAS SO YOUNG... ONLY 20 ISSUES OLD! WAAHHHH!!!
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SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
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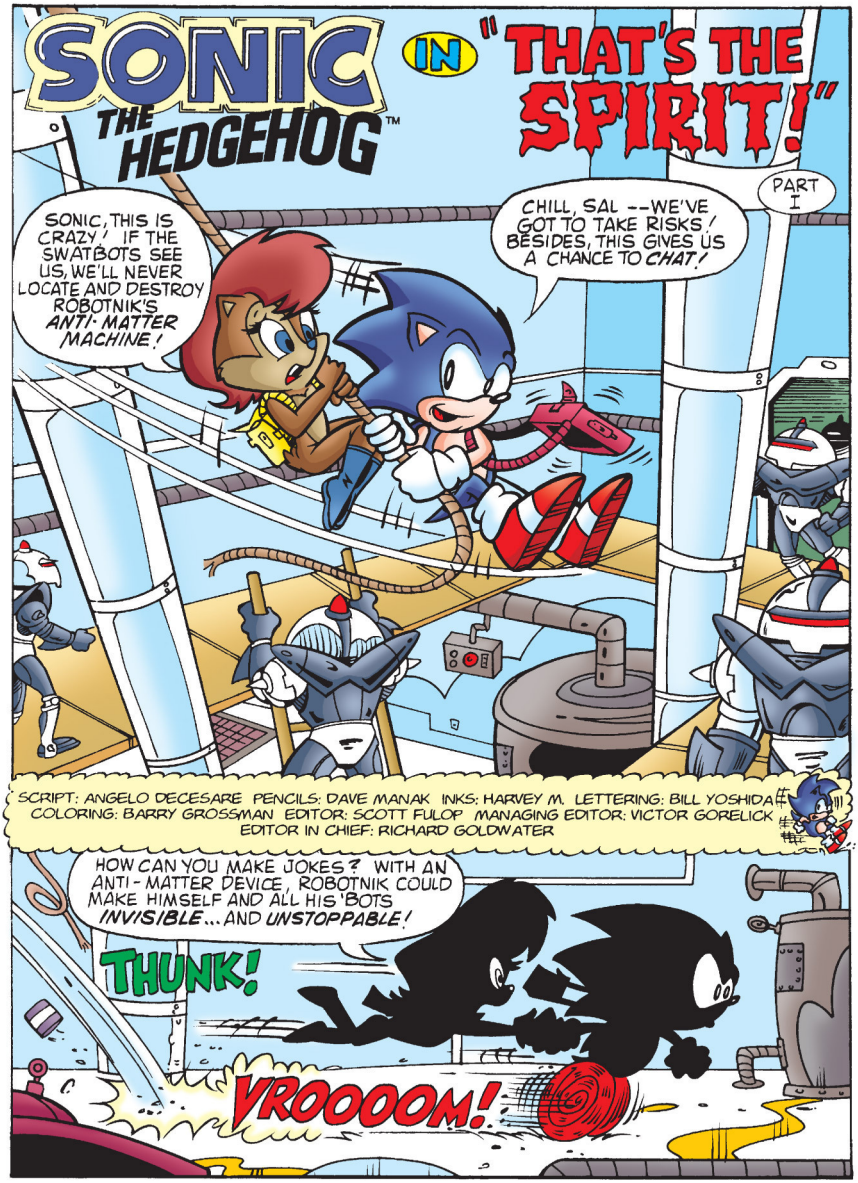
WE DEDICATE THIS STATUE TO SONIC... A TRUE HERO WHO SACRIFICED HIMSELF FOR FREEDOM!
I... I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S REALLY GONE!
IN MEMORY OF
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
HAS DR. ROBOTNIK FINALLY BEATEN SONIC? FIND OUT IN THIS ISSUE'S STORY:
" THAT'S THE SPIRIT! "
MANAK


SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
IN
"THAT'S THE SPIRIT!"
PART I
SONIC, THIS IS CRAZY! IF THE SWATBOTS SEE US, WE'LL NEVER LOCATE AND DESTROY ROBOTNIK'S ANTI-MATTER MACHINE!
CHILL, SAL --WE'VE GOT TO TAKE RISKS! BESIDES, THIS GIVES US A CHANCE TO CHAT!
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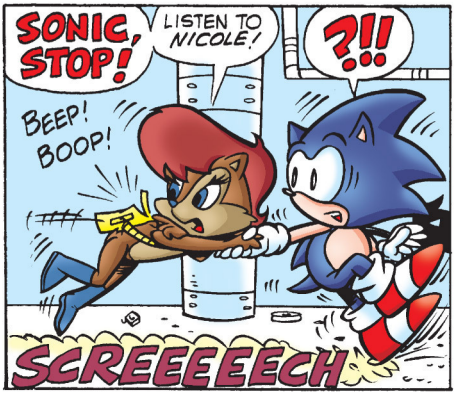
HOW CAN YOU MAKE JOKES? WITH AN ANTI-MATTER DEVICE, ROBOTNIK COULD MAKE HIMSELF AND ALL HIS 'BOTS INVISIBLE... AND UNSTOPPABLE!
THUNK!
VROOOOM!


SONIC, STOP!
LISTEN TO NICOLE!
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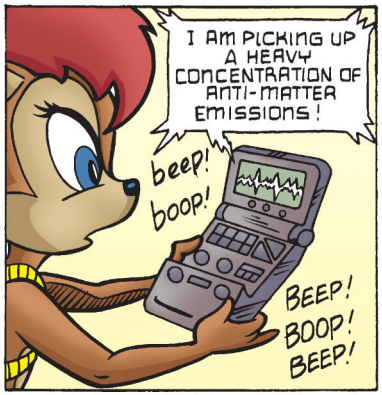
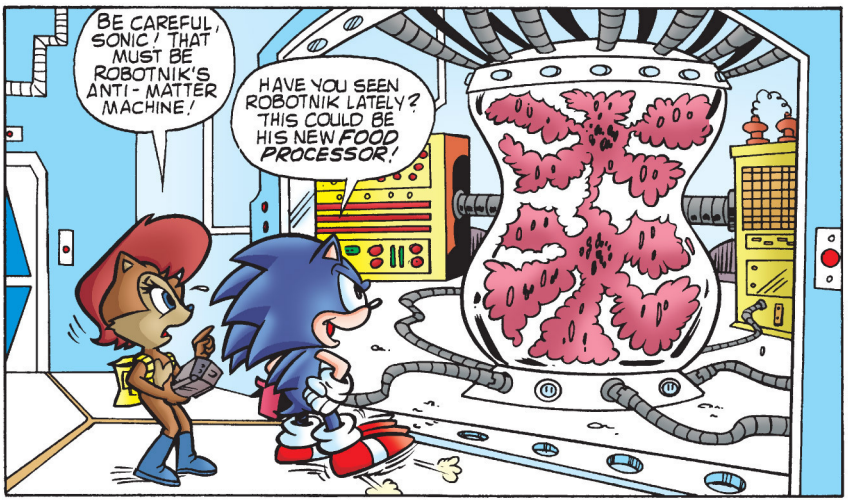
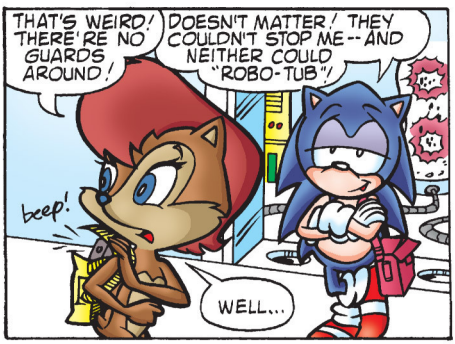
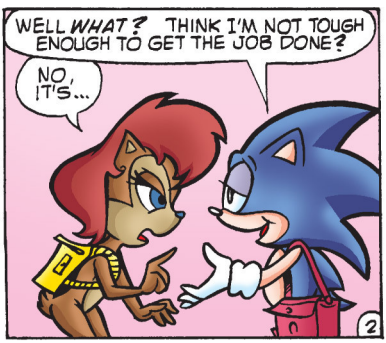
BEEP! BOOP!
SCREEEEECH


I AM PICKING UP A HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF ANTI-MATTER EMISSIONS!
beep!
boop!
BEEP! BOOP! BEEP!


BE CAREFUL, SONIC! THAT MUST BE ROBOTNIK'S ANTI-MATTER MACHINE!
HAVE YOU SEEN ROBOTNIK LATELY? THIS COULD BE HIS NEW FOOD PROCESSOR!


THAT'S WEIRD! THERE'RE NO GUARDS AROUND!
DOESN'T MATTER! THEY COULDN'T STOP ME -- AND NEITHER COULD "ROBO-TUB"!
beep!
WELL...


WELL WHAT? THINK I'M NOT TOUGH ENOUGH TO GET THE JOB DONE?
NO, IT'S...
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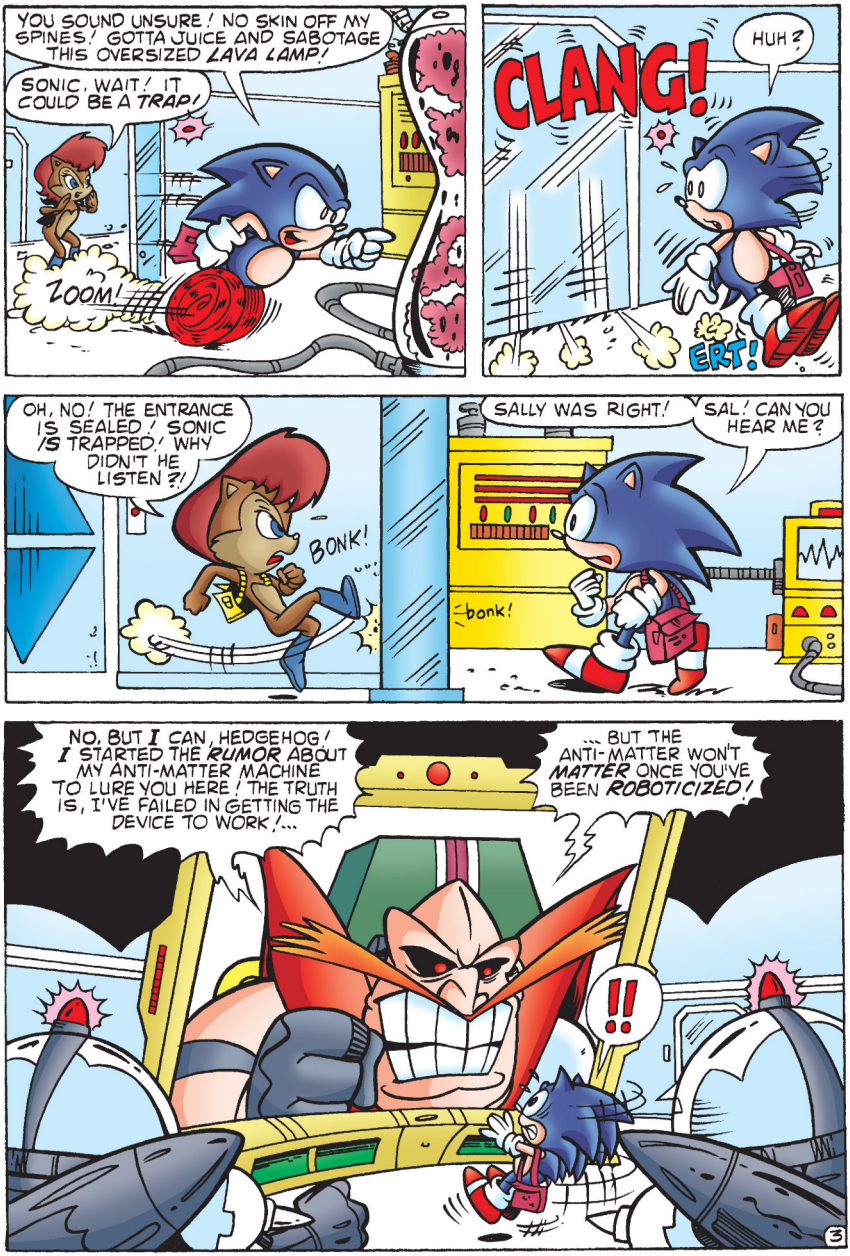
YOU SOUND UNSURE! NO SKIN OFF MY SPINES! GOTTA JUICE AND SABOTAGE THIS OVERSIZED LAVA LAMP!
SONIC, WAIT! IT COULD BE A TRAP!
ZOOM!
CLANG!
HUH?
ERT!
OH, NO! THE ENTRANCE IS SEALED! SONIC IS TRAPPED! WHY DIDN'T HE LISTEN?!
BONK!
SALLY WAS RIGHT!
SAL! CAN YOU HEAR ME?
bonk!
NO, BUT I CAN, HEDGEHOG! I STARTED THE RUMOR ABOUT MY ANTI-MATTER MACHINE TO LURE YOU HERE! THE TRUTH IS, I'VE FAILED IN GETTING THE DEVICE TO WORK!...
... BUT THE ANTI-MATTER WON'T MATTER ONCE YOU'VE BEEN ROBOTICIZED!
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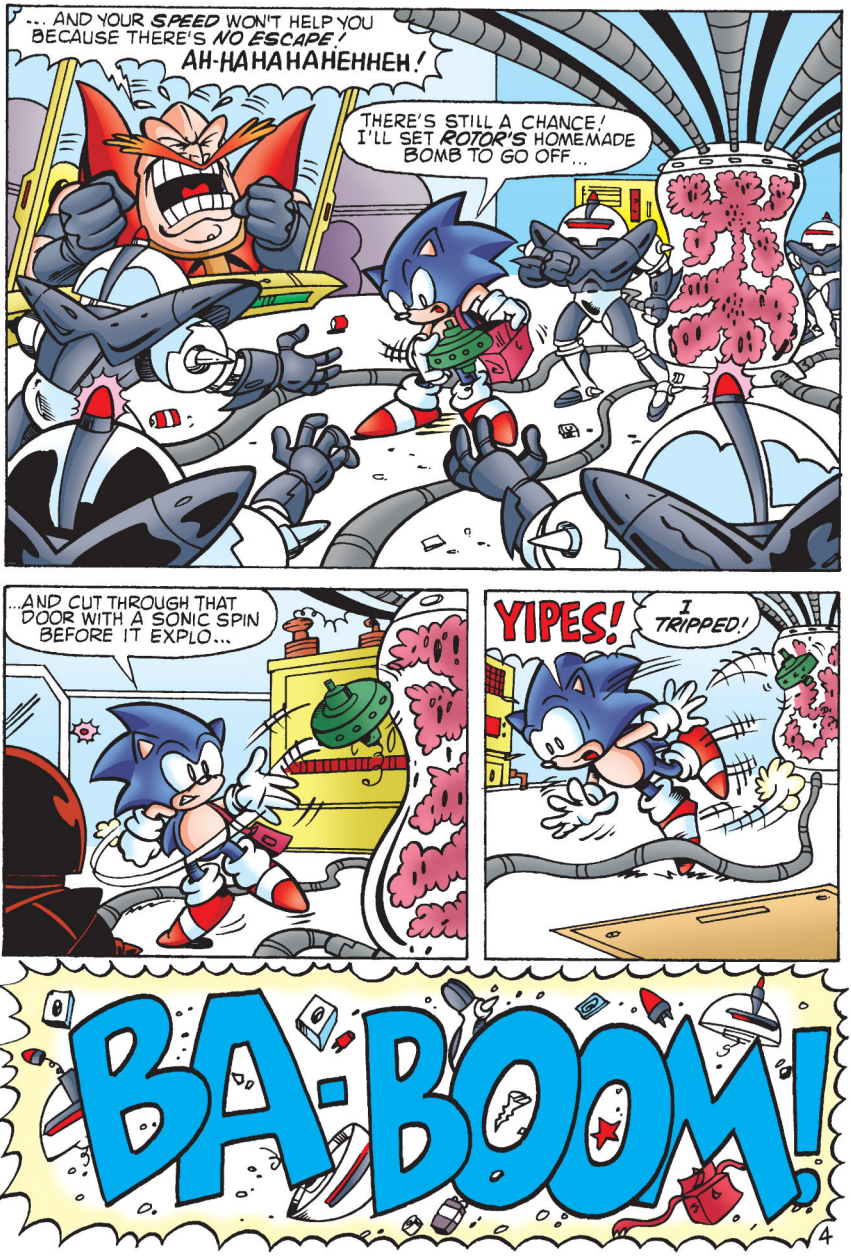
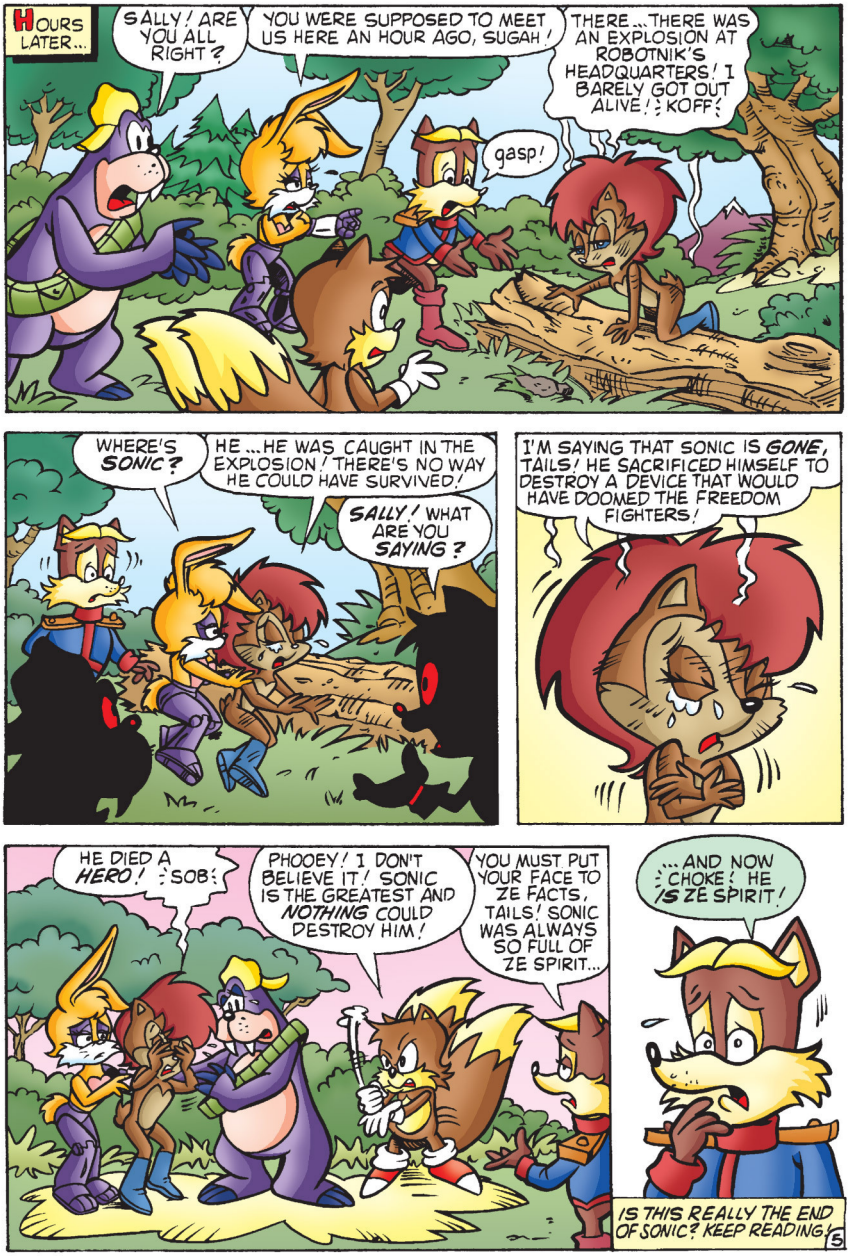
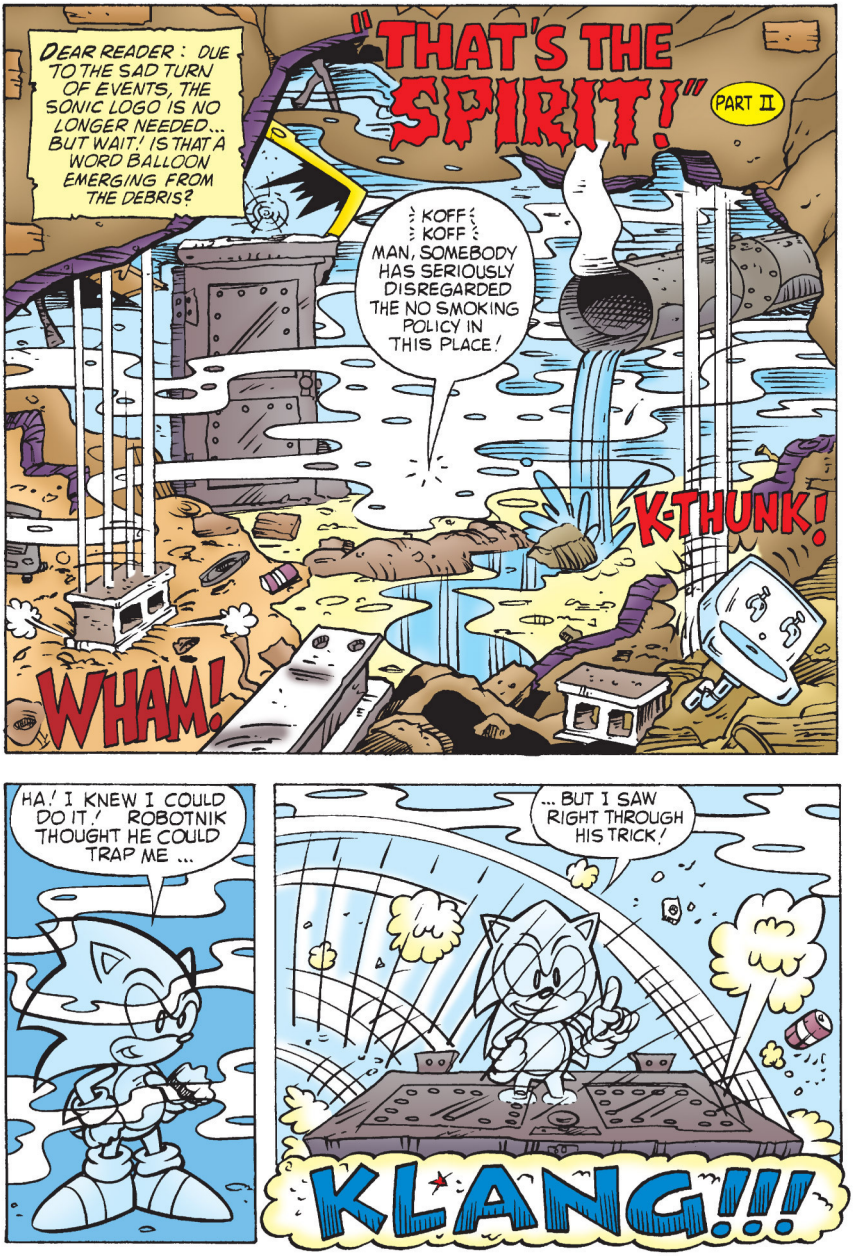
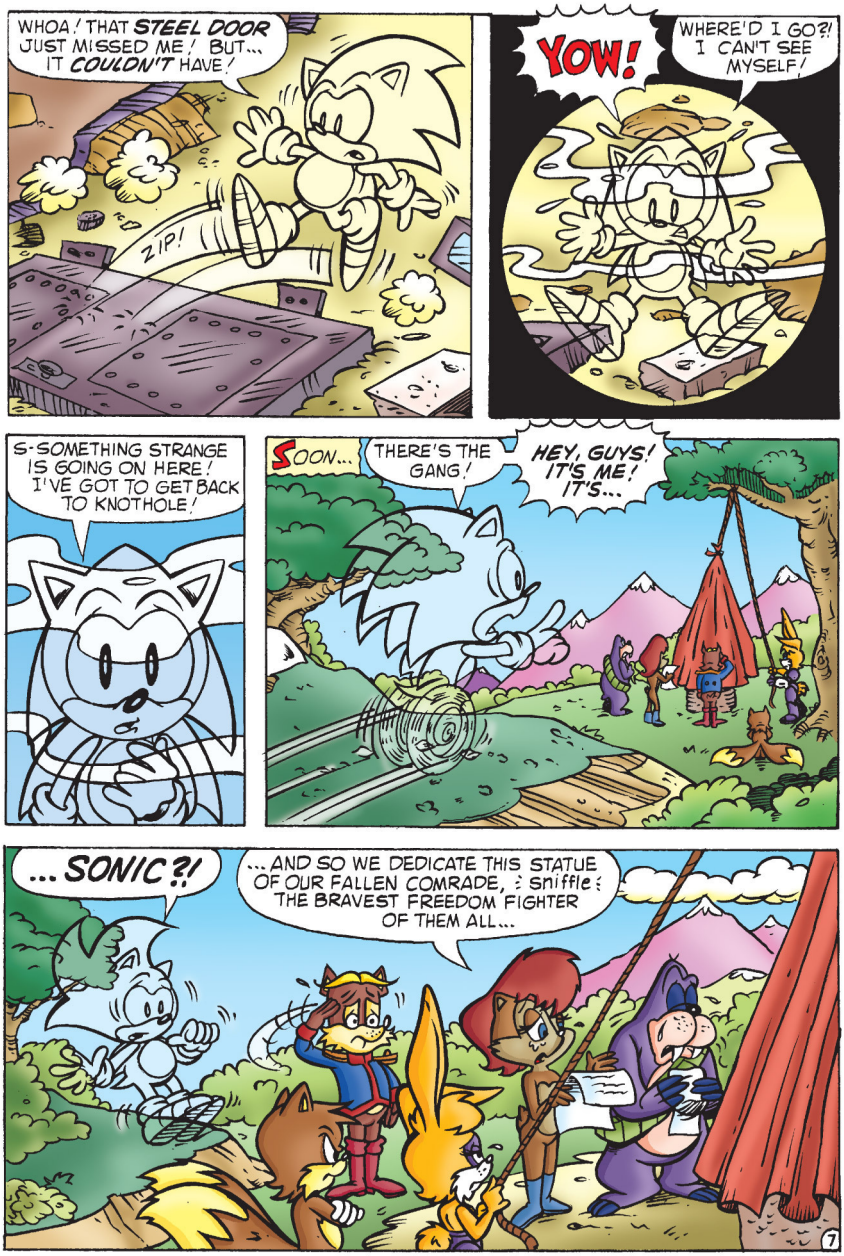
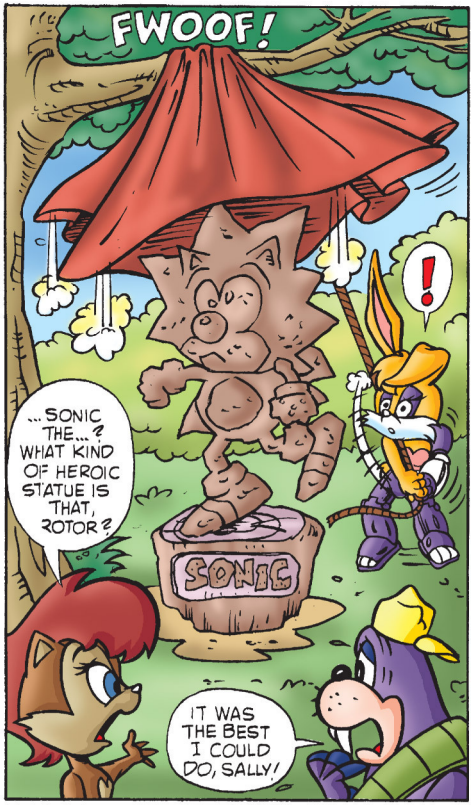

... AND YOUR SPEED WON'T HELP YOU BECAUSE THERE'S NO ESCAPE!
AH-HAHAHAHEHHEH!
THERE'S STILL A CHANCE! I'LL SET ROTOR'S HOMEMADE BOMB TO GO OFF...
...AND CUT THROUGH THAT DOOR WITH A SONIC SPIN BEFORE IT EXPLO...
YIPES!
I TRIPPED!
BA-BOOM!


HOURS LATER...
SALLY! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO MEET US HERE AN HOUR AGO, SUGAH!
THERE...THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION AT ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS! I BARELY GOT OUT ALIVE! :KOFF:
gasp!
WHERE'S SONIC?
HE...HE WAS CAUGHT IN THE EXPLOSION! THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD HAVE SURVIVED!
SALLY! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
I'M SAYING THAT SONIC IS GONE, TAILS! HE SACRIFICED HIMSELF TO DESTROY A DEVICE THAT WOULD HAVE DOOMED THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
HE DIED A HERO! :SOB:
PHOOEY! I DON'T BELIEVE IT! SONIC IS THE GREATEST AND NOTHING COULD DESTROY HIM!
YOU MUST PUT YOUR FACE TO ZE FACTS, TAILS! SONIC WAS ALWAYS SO FULL OF ZE SPIRIT...
...AND NOW :CHOKE: HE IS ZE SPIRIT!
IS THIS REALLY THE END OF SONIC? KEEP READING!


DEAR READER: DUE TO THE SAD TURN OF EVENTS, THE SONIC LOGO IS NO LONGER NEEDED... BUT WAIT! IS THAT A WORD BALLOON EMERGING FROM THE DEBRIS?
"THAT'S THE SPIRIT!"
PART II
KOFF KOFF
MAN, SOMEBODY HAS SERIOUSLY DISREGARDED THE NO SMOKING POLICY IN THIS PLACE!
K-THUNK!
WHAM!
HA! I KNEW I COULD DO IT! ROBOTNIK THOUGHT HE COULD TRAP ME ...
... BUT I SAW RIGHT THROUGH HIS TRICK!
KLANG!!!


WHOA! THAT STEEL DOOR JUST MISSED ME! BUT... IT COULDN'T HAVE!
ZIP!
YOW!
WHERE'D I GO?! I CAN'T SEE MYSELF!
S-SOMETHING STRANGE IS GOING ON HERE! I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO KNOTHOLE!
SOON...
THERE'S THE GANG!
HEY, GUYS! IT'S ME! IT'S...
...SONIC?!
...AND SO WE DEDICATE THIS STATUE OF OUR FALLEN COMRADE, : sniffle : THE BRAVEST FREEDOM FIGHTER OF THEM ALL...


FWOOF!
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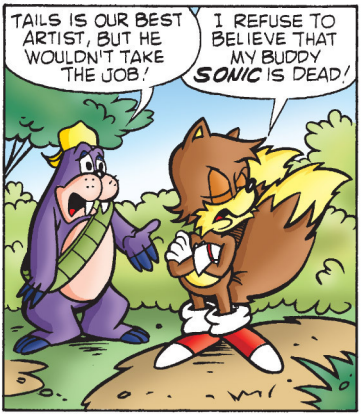
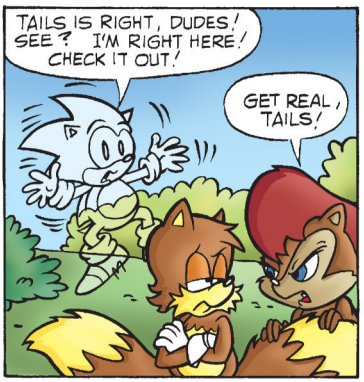
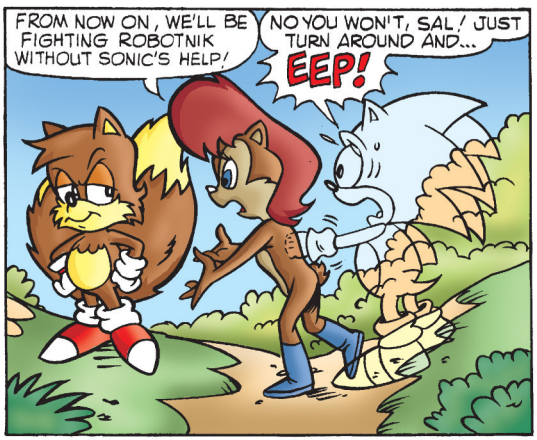
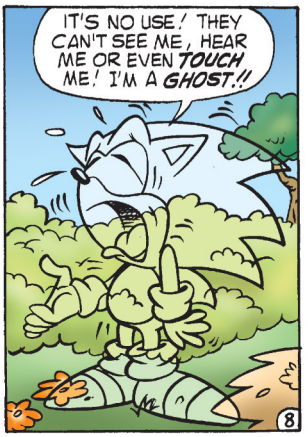
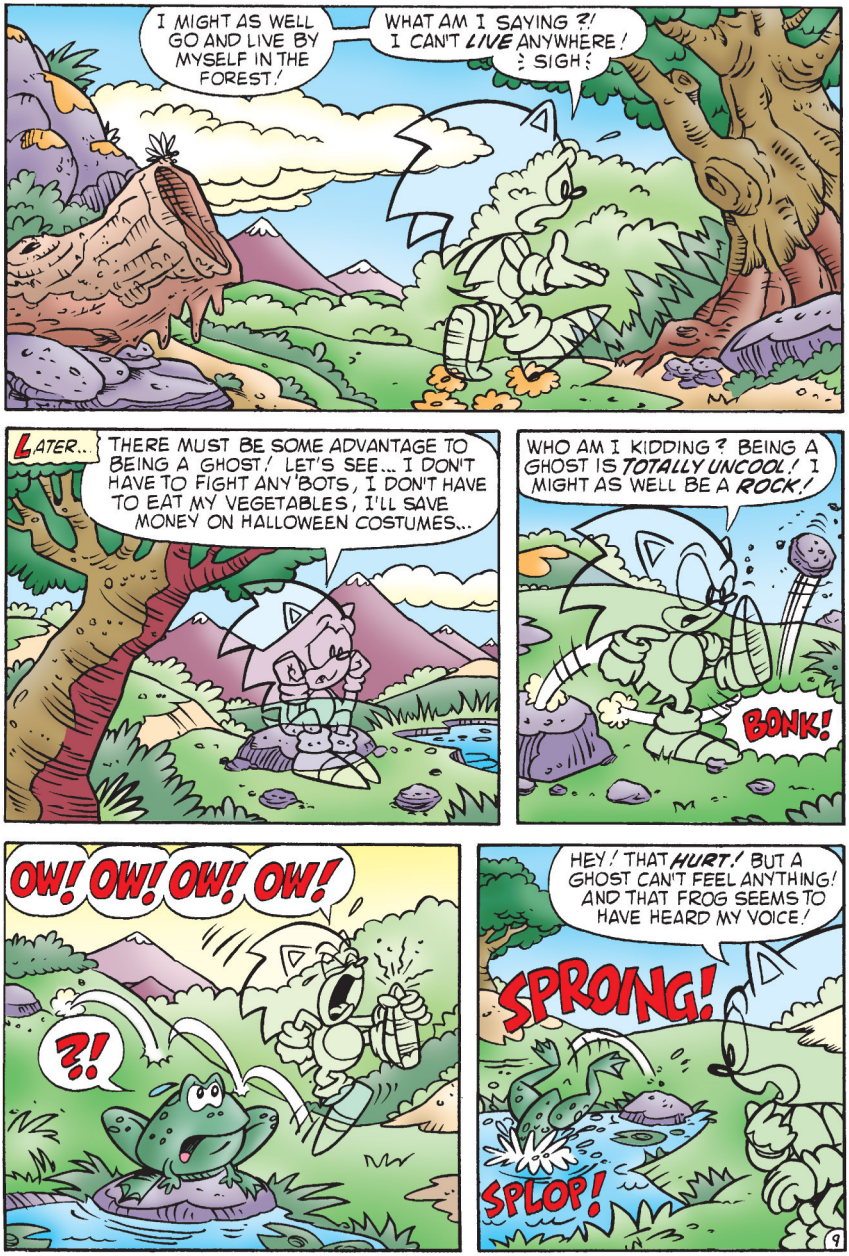
SONIC
...SONIC THE...? WHAT KIND OF HEROIC STATUE IS THAT, ROTOR?
IT WAS THE BEST I COULD DO, SALLY!

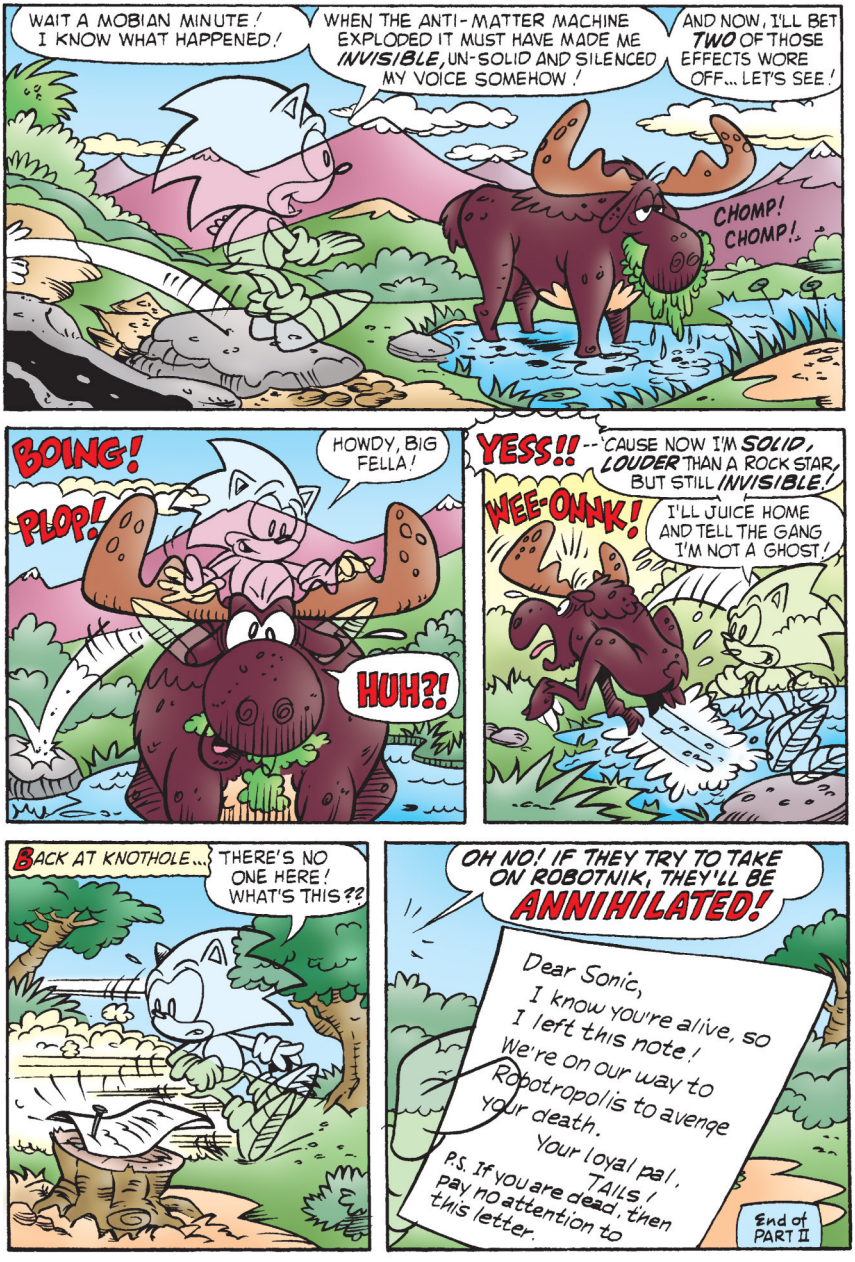

TAILS IS OUR BEST ARTIST, BUT HE WOULDN'T TAKE THE JOB!
I REFUSE TO BELIEVE THAT MY BUDDY SONIC IS DEAD!


TAILS IS RIGHT, DUDES! SEE? I'M RIGHT HERE! CHECK IT OUT!
GET REAL, TAILS!

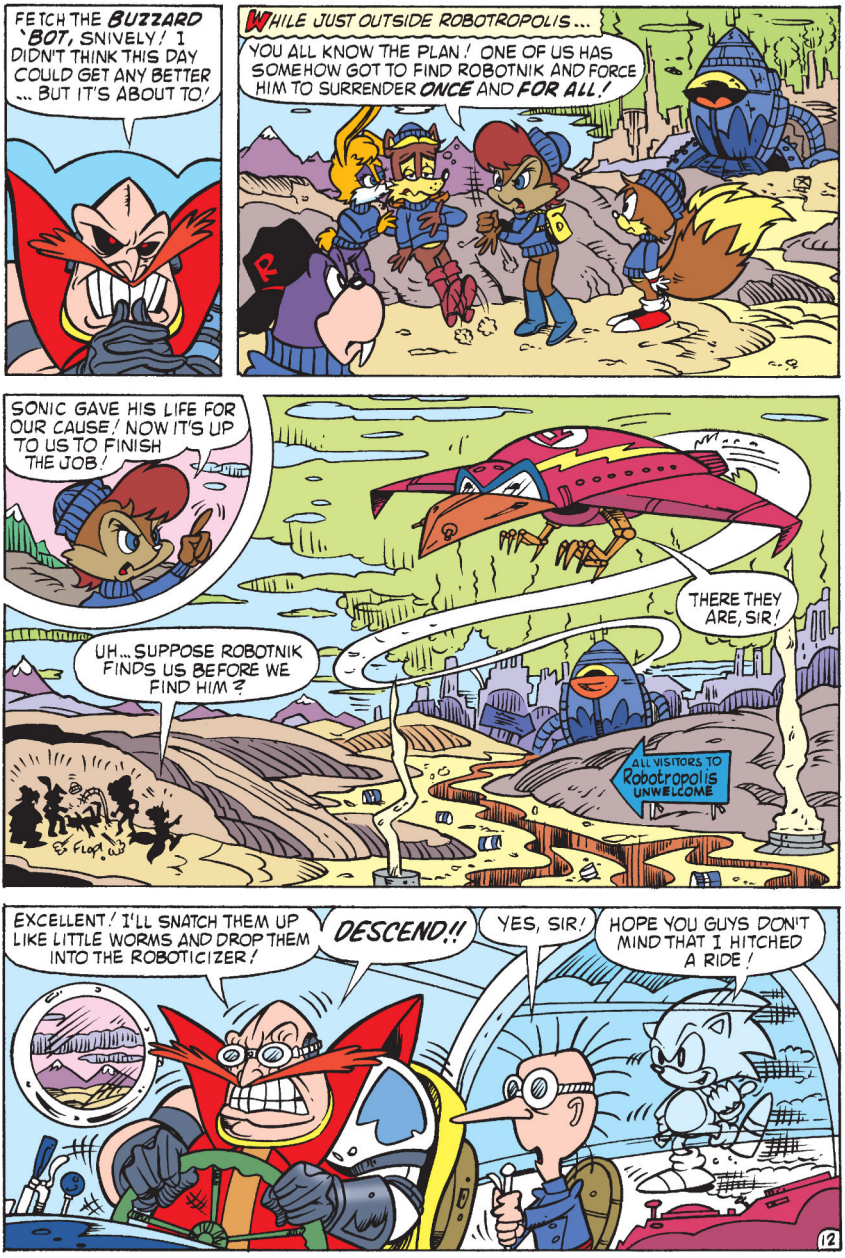

FROM NOW ON, WE'LL BE FIGHTING ROBOTNIK WITHOUT SONIC'S HELP!
NO YOU WON'T, SAL! JUST TURN AROUND AND...
EEP!


IT'S NO USE! THEY CAN'T SEE ME, HEAR ME OR EVEN TOUCH ME! I'M A GHOST!!


I MIGHT AS WELL GO AND LIVE BY MYSELF IN THE FOREST!
WHAT AM I SAYING?! I CAN'T LIVE ANYWHERE! SIGH
LATER..
THERE MUST BE SOME ADVANTAGE TO BEING A GHOST! LET'S SEE... I DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT ANY 'BOTS, I DON'T HAVE TO EAT MY VEGETABLES, I'LL SAVE MONEY ON HALLOWEEN COSTUMES...
WHO AM I KIDDING? BEING A GHOST IS TOTALLY UNCOOL! I MIGHT AS WELL BE A ROCK!
BONK!
OW! OW! OW! OW!
?!
HEY! THAT HURT! BUT A GHOST CAN'T FEEL ANYTHING! AND THAT FROG SEEMS TO HAVE HEARD MY VOICE!
SPROING!
SPLOP!


WAIT A MOBIAN MINUTE! I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED!
WHEN THE ANTI-MATTER MACHINE EXPLODED IT MUST HAVE MADE ME INVISIBLE, UN-SOLID AND SILENCED MY VOICE SOMEHOW!
AND NOW, I'LL BET TWO OF THOSE EFFECTS WORE OFF... LET'S SEE!
CHOMP! CHOMP!
BOING!
PLOP!
HOWDY, BIG FELLA!
HUH?!
YESS!!
--'CAUSE NOW I'M SOLID, LOUDER THAN A ROCK STAR, BUT STILL INVISIBLE!
WEE-OHNK!
I'LL JUICE HOME AND TELL THE GANG I'M NOT A GHOST!
BACK AT KNOTHOLE...
THERE'S NO ONE HERE! WHAT'S THIS??
OH NO! IF THEY TRY TO TAKE ON ROBOTNIK, THEY'LL BE ANNIHILATED!
Dear Sonic,
I know you're alive, so I left this note!
We're on our way to Robotropolis to avenge your death.
Your loyal pal,
TAILS!
P.S. If you are dead, then pay no attention to this letter.
End of PART II

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
... IS DEAD! LET US OBSERVE A RESPECTFUL MOMENT OF SILENCE!
WAHOO! EEEHAH! YIPEEE!!
SONIC IS DESTROYED! MOBIUS IS MINE AND NO ONE CAN STOP ME! NO ONE!...
EXCEPT THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS, SIR!
WANTED
SONIC the Hedgehog
"THAT'S THE SPIRIT!"
PART III
INSECT! DO YOU DARE TO SUGGEST THAT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS CAN DEFEAT ME WITHOUT THE CURSED HEDGEHOG?!
N-N-NOT AT ALL, SIR!
I SIMPLY MEANT THAT THEY ARE GOING TO TRY TO DEFEAT YOU, OH HOSTILE ONE! OBSERVE! THEY'RE APPROACHING THE CITY!
FREEDOM FIGHTER FINDER
WHAT?!
ROBOTROPOLIS


FETCH THE BUZZARD 'BOT, SNIVELY! I DIDN'T THINK THIS DAY COULD GET ANY BETTER ... BUT IT'S ABOUT TO!
WHILE JUST OUTSIDE ROBOTROPOLIS...
YOU ALL KNOW THE PLAN! ONE OF US HAS SOMEHOW GOT TO FIND ROBOTNIK AND FORCE HIM TO SURRENDER ONCE AND FOR ALL!
SONIC GAVE HIS LIFE FOR OUR CAUSE! NOW IT'S UP TO US TO FINISH THE JOB!
UH... SUPPOSE ROBOTNIK FINDS US BEFORE WE FIND HIM?
THERE THEY ARE, SIR!
ALL VISITORS TO Robotropolis UNWELCOME
EXCELLENT! I'LL SNATCH THEM UP LIKE LITTLE WORMS AND DROP THEM INTO THE ROBOTICIZER!
DESCEND!!
YES, SIR!
HOPE YOU GUYS DON'T MIND THAT I HITCHED A RIDE!
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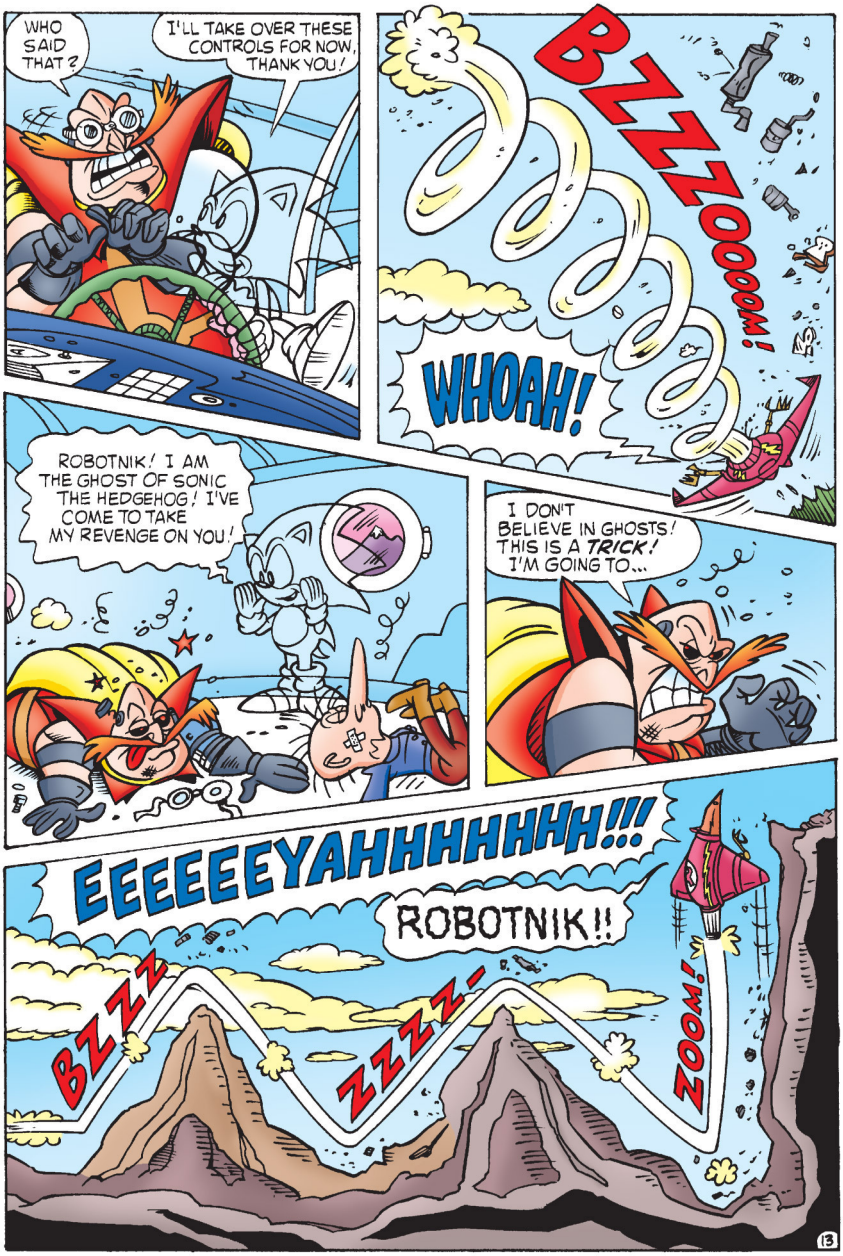
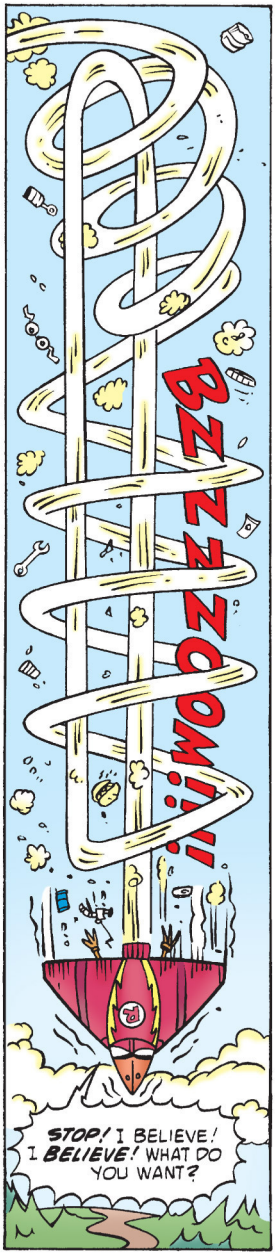
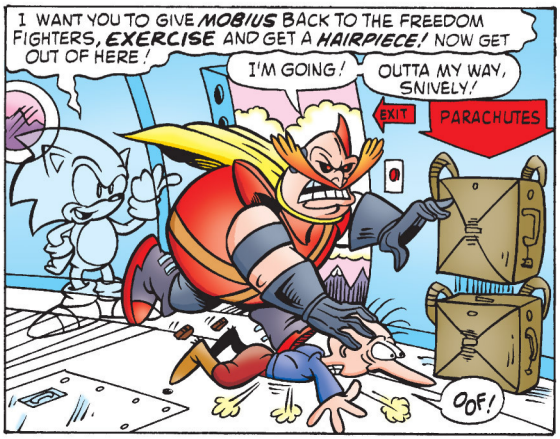
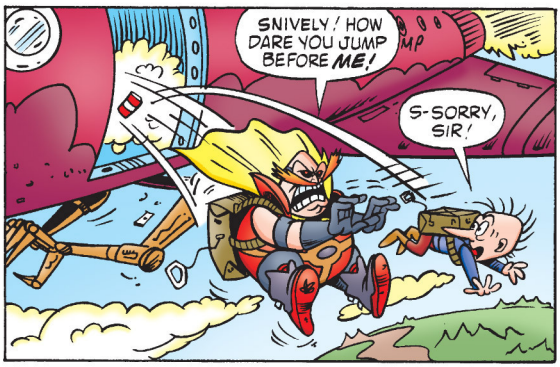
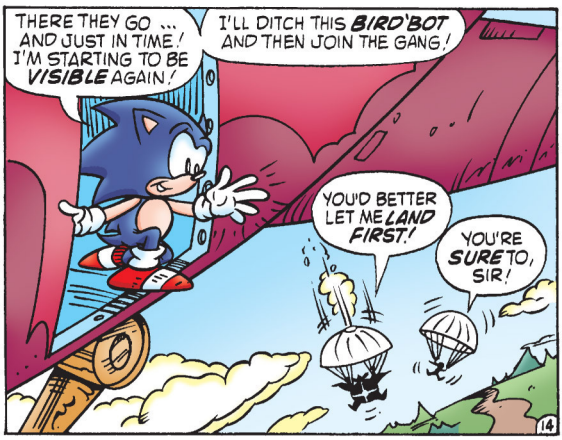
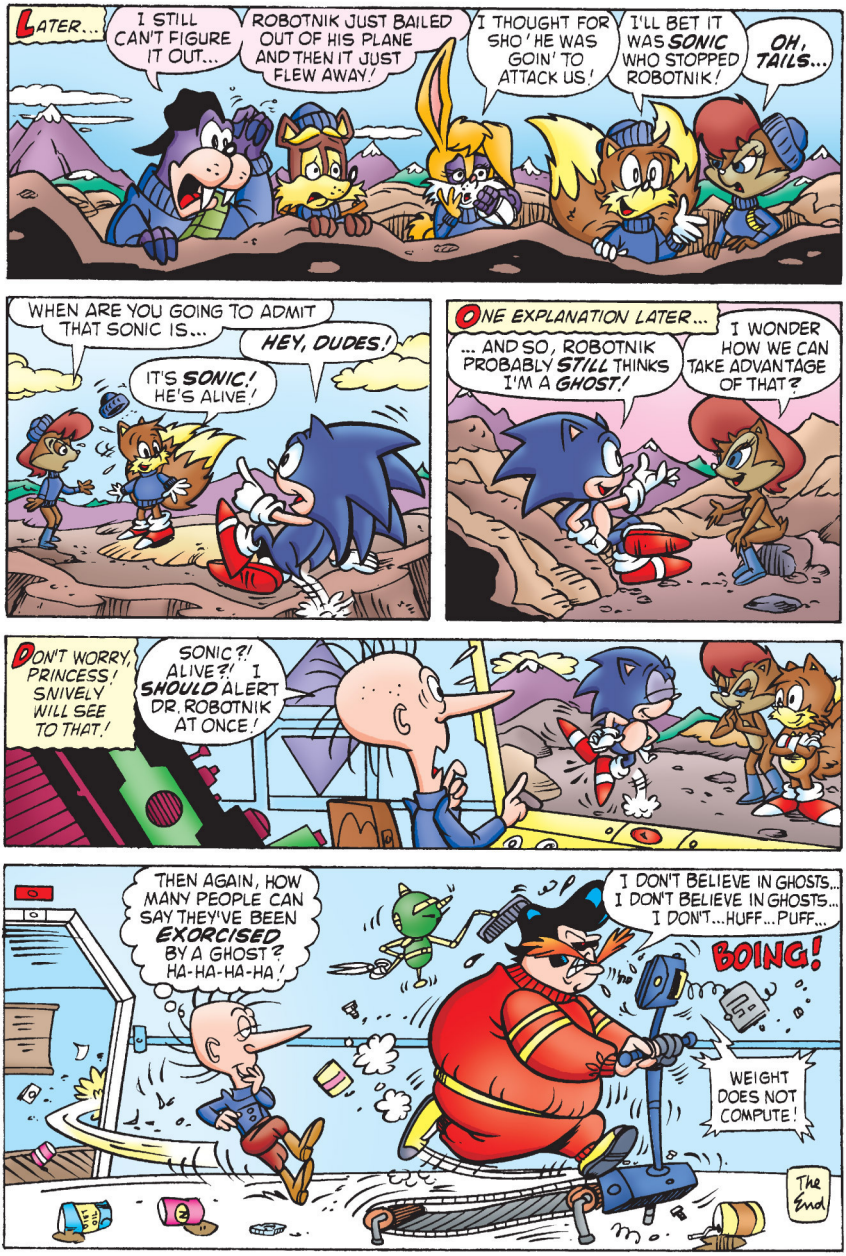

WHO SAID THAT?
I'LL TAKE OVER THESE CONTROLS FOR NOW, THANK YOU!
BZZZOOOOM!
WHOAH!
ROBOTNIK! I AM THE GHOST OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG! I'VE COME TO TAKE MY REVENGE ON YOU!
I DON'T BELIEVE IN GHOSTS! THIS IS A TRICK! I'M GOING TO...
EEEEEEYAHHHHHHH!!!
ROBOTNIK!!
BZZZ
ZZZZ-
ZOOM!


BZZZZZOOM!!!
STOP! I BELIEVE! I BELIEVE! WHAT DO YOU WANT?


I WANT YOU TO GIVE MOBIUS BACK TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, EXERCISE AND GET A HAIRPIECE! NOW GET OUT OF HERE!
I'M GOING!
OUTTA MY WAY, SNIVELY!
EXIT
PARACHUTES
OOF!


SNIVELY! HOW DARE YOU JUMP BEFORE ME!
S-SORRY, SIR!


THERE THEY GO ... AND JUST IN TIME! I'M STARTING TO BE VISIBLE AGAIN!
I'LL DITCH THIS BIRD'BOT AND THEN JOIN THE GANG!
YOU'D BETTER LET ME LAND FIRST!
YOU'RE SURE TO, SIR!


LATER...
I STILL CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT...
ROBOTNIK JUST BAILED OUT OF HIS PLANE AND THEN IT JUST FLEW AWAY!
I THOUGHT FOR SHO' HE WAS GOIN' TO ATTACK US!
I'LL BET IT WAS SONIC WHO STOPPED ROBOTNIK!
OH, TAILS...
WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO ADMIT THAT SONIC IS...
HEY, DUDES!
IT'S SONIC! HE'S ALIVE!
ONE EXPLANATION LATER...
... AND SO, ROBOTNIK PROBABLY STILL THINKS I'M A GHOST!
I WONDER HOW WE CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT?
DON'T WORRY, PRINCESS! SNIVELY WILL SEE TO THAT!
SONIC?! ALIVE?! I SHOULD ALERT DR. ROBOTNIK AT ONCE!
THEN AGAIN, HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN SAY THEY'VE BEEN EXORCISED BY A GHOST? HA-HA-HA-HA!
I DON'T BELIEVE IN GHOSTS... I DON'T BELIEVE IN GHOSTS... I DON'T...HUFF...PUFF...
BOING!
WEIGHT DOES NOT COMPUTE!
The End

A
PRINCESS
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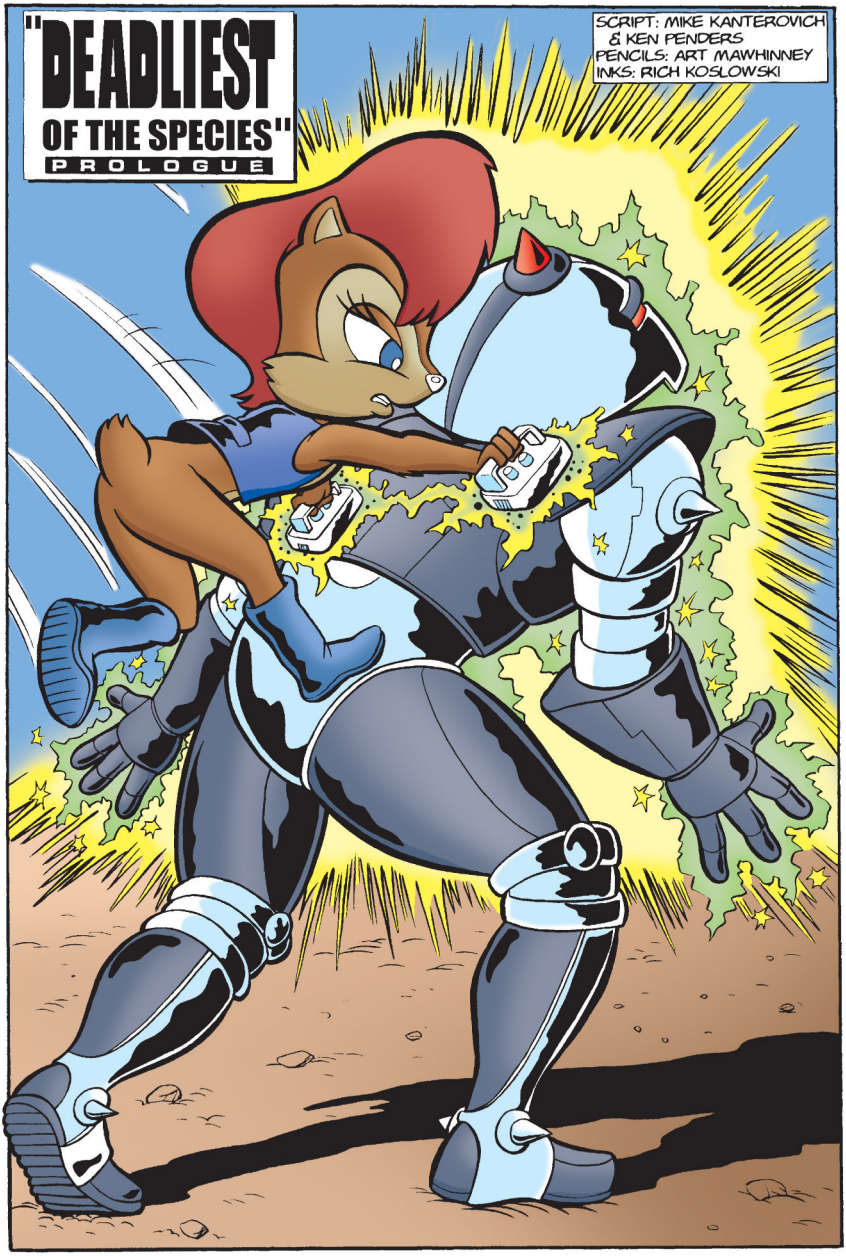
F-TOOM!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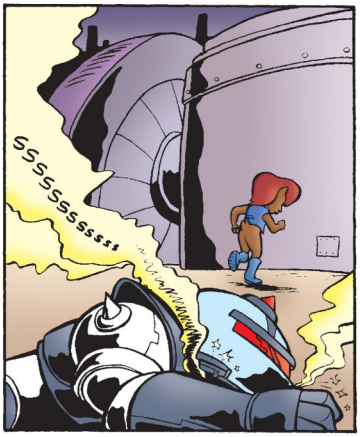
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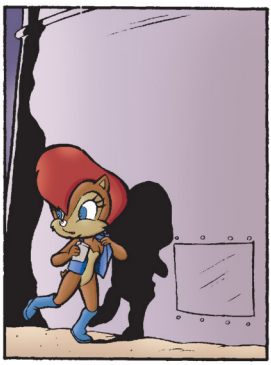
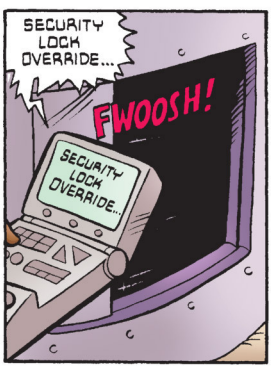


TAPPETY-TAP TAP!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FWOOSH!
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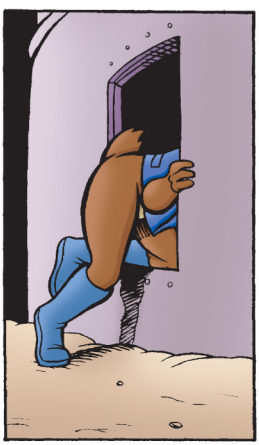

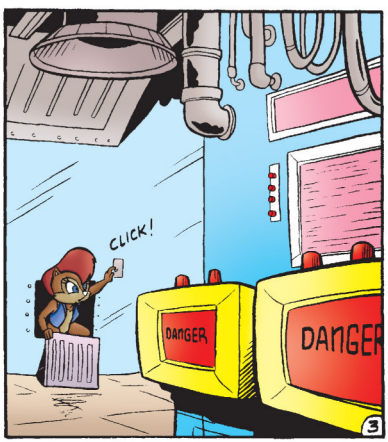
CLICK!
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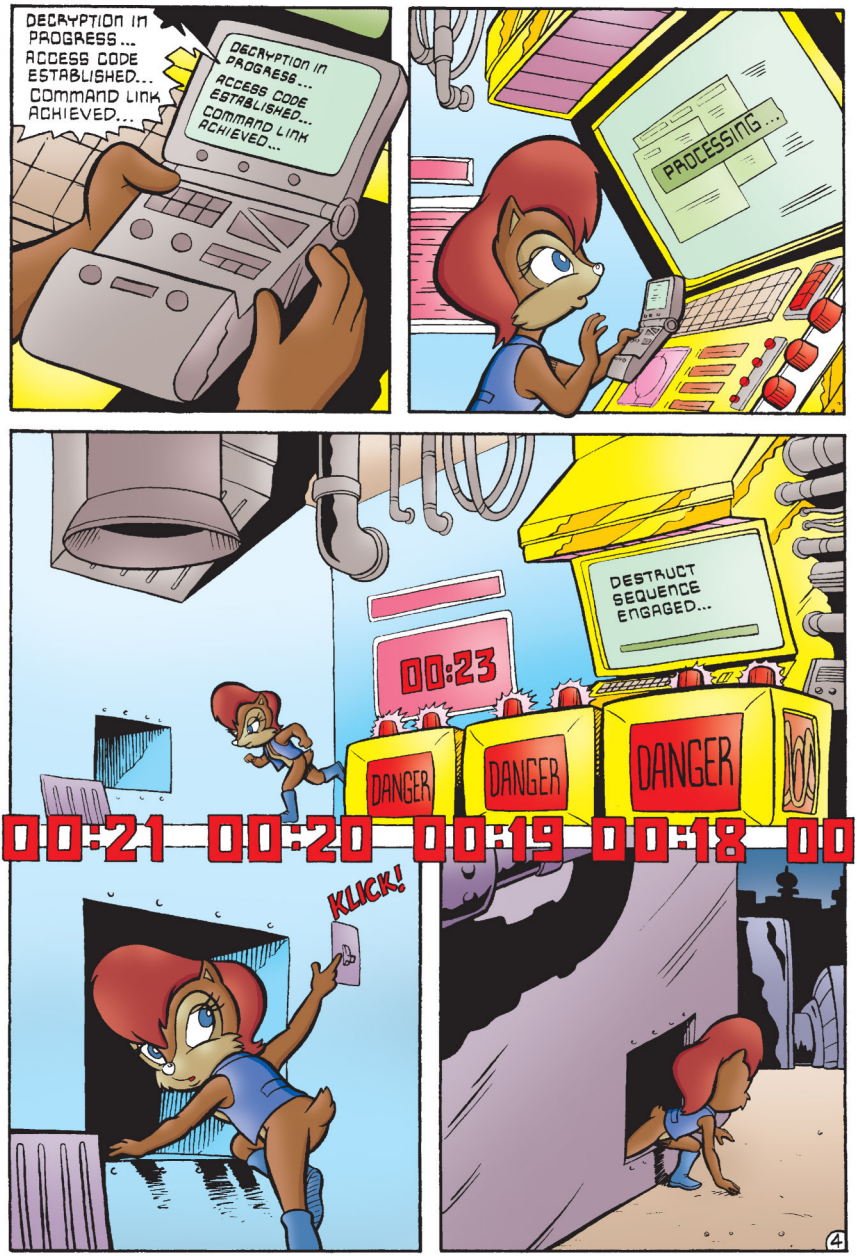
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KLICK!
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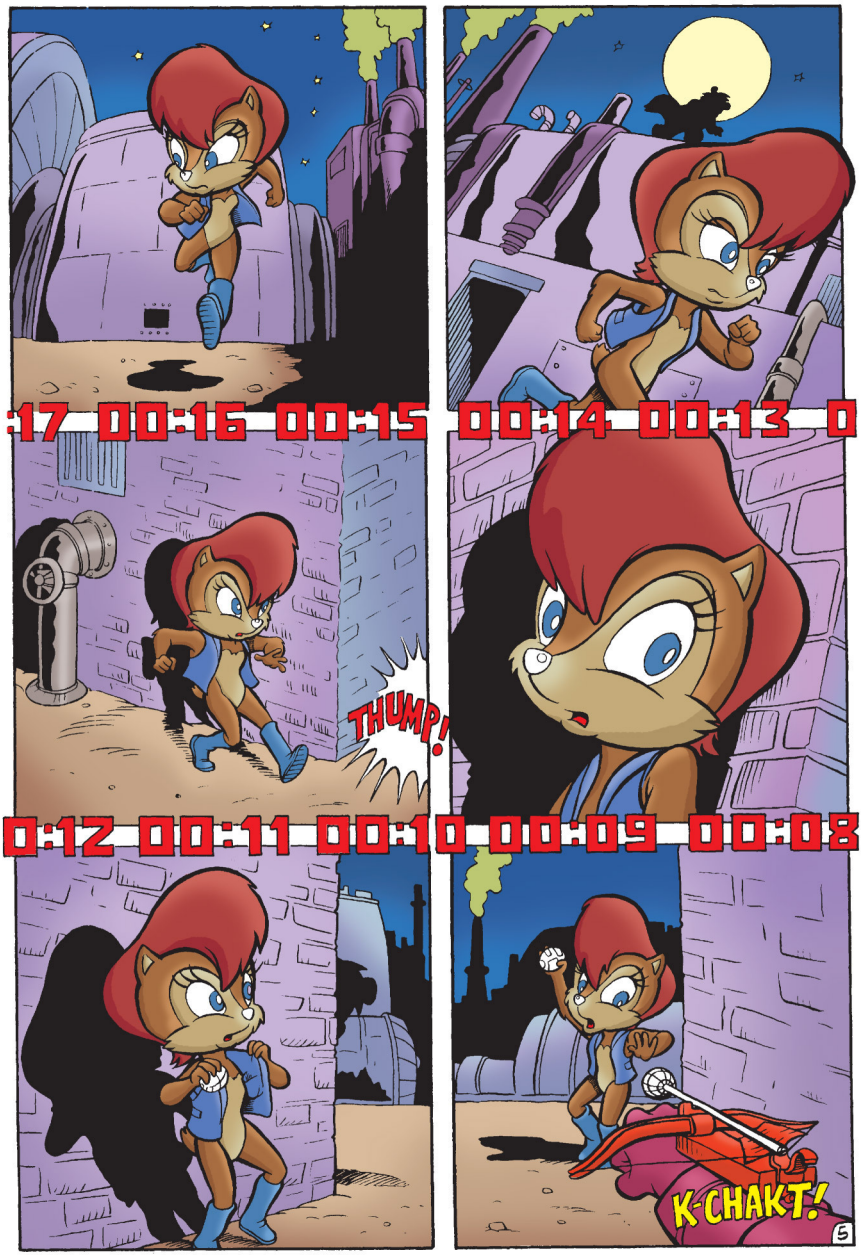
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THUMP!
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K-CHAKT!
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WHO... ARE YOU?
WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT T'BE OBVIOUS, LUV...
I'M THE BLOKE WITH THE KNOCK-OUT GAS BOLT, READY T' PUT YA TO SLEEP!
00:07
00:06
00:05
00:04
NOW EXPLAIN YA SELF, OR IT'S INTO THE LAND OF DREAMS FOR YA!
LOOK... WHOEVER YOU ARE... WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS!!
EXPLOSION? WHAT EXPLOSION?!
WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THE EXPLOSION...
00:03
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KA-BOOM
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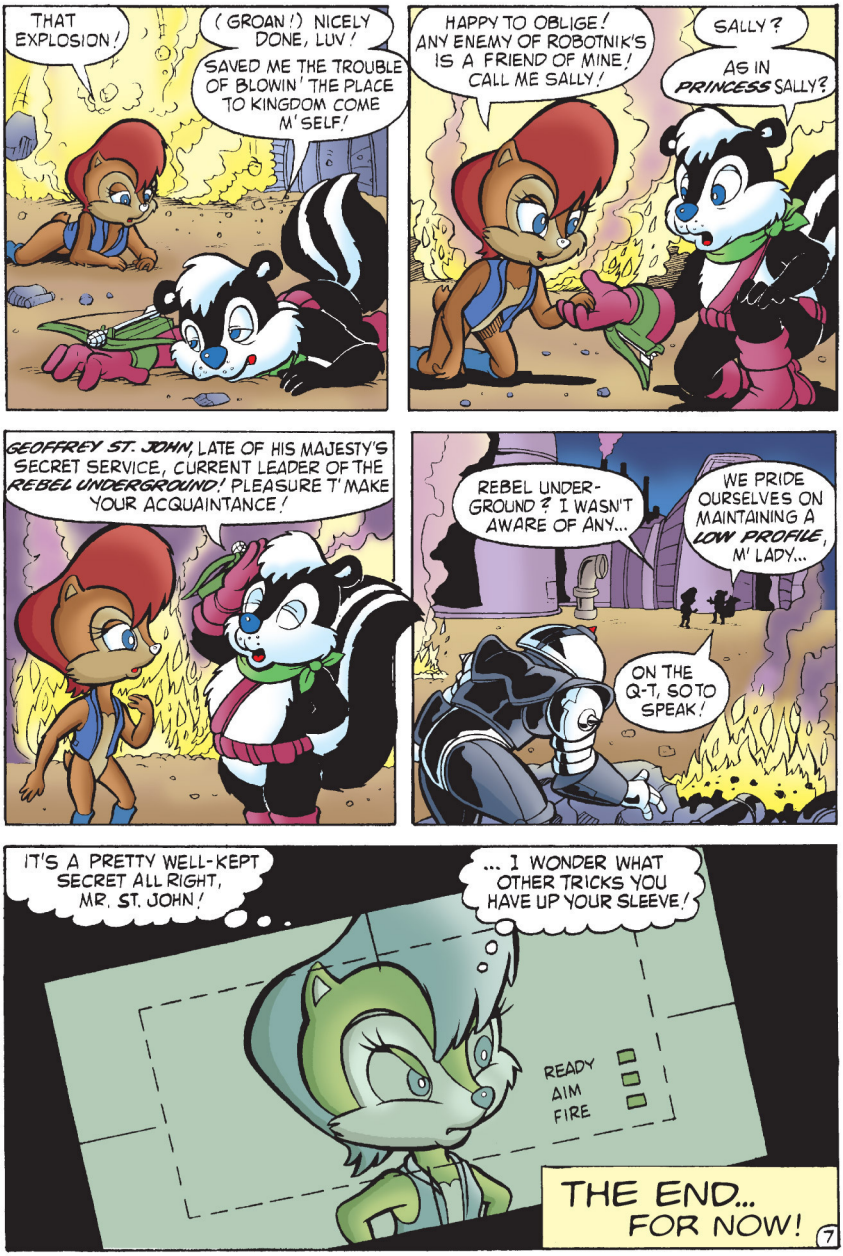
THAT EXPLOSION!
(GROAN!) NICELY DONE, LUV!
SAVED ME THE TROUBLE OF BLOWIN' THE PLACE TO KINGDOM COME M'SELF!
HAPPY TO OBLIGE! ANY ENEMY OF ROBOTNIK'S IS A FRIEND OF MINE! CALL ME SALLY!
SALLY?
AS IN PRINCESS SALLY?
GEOFFREY ST. JOHN, LATE OF HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE, CURRENT LEADER OF THE REBEL UNDERGROUND! PLEASURE T' MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE!
REBEL UNDER-GROUND? I WASN'T AWARE OF ANY...
WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON MAINTAINING A LOW PROFILE, M' LADY...
ON THE Q-T, SO TO SPEAK!
IT'S A PRETTY WELL-KEPT SECRET ALL RIGHT, MR. ST. JOHN!
... I WONDER WHAT OTHER TRICKS YOU HAVE UP YOUR SLEEVE!
READY
AIM
FIRE
THE END... FOR NOW!